

Amendments to the Claims

Please Claims 25 and 36 to read as follows.

1. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system for transferring image information from an image transmission apparatus to an image reception apparatus provided with means for storing images, wherein  
  
said image transmission apparatus is provided with means for requesting the transfer of images to transmit to said image reception apparatus an image transfer request signal containing the information of transfer amount indicating the transfer amount of data on the image information to be transmitted prior to the transmission of the actual image data;  
  
said image reception apparatus comprises determination means to determine whether or not all the images to be transferred can be stored on image storage means in accordance with the information of the transfer amount contained in said image transfer request signal and the free information of said image storage means with respect to said image transfer request,  
  
means for inputting transfer acceptance or refusal to prompt the user by displaying the result of determination by said determination means, and means for transmitting response to transmit to said image transmission apparatus the transfer refusal signal or the transfer acceptance signal in accordance with the instruction of the user, and  
  
said image transmission apparatus begins the transfer of image information in accordance with the transfer acceptance signal from said image reception apparatus.
2. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1,

wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number

of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the information indicating the sheet number of images storable on the free region of said image storage means.

3. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sum of each amount of image data of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

4. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and said determination means calculates the sum of the data amount in accordance with said information of transfer amount, and compares the sum with the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

5. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal displays the current free storage capacity of said image storage means, and the free storage capacity after reception.

6. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for restricting acceptance to admit of the image transfer within a range of the free information of said image storage means when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus

transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the restricted acceptance by said means for restricting acceptance.

7. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for restricting acceptance to designate the sheet number of images to be transferred within a range of free information of said image storage means and admit of the image transfer of the designated sheet number of images when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the restricted acceptance by said means for restricting acceptance.

8. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for restricting acceptant to select the images to be transferred within a range of free information of said image storage means and admit of the image transfer of the selected images when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the restricted acceptance by said means for restricting acceptance.

9. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for selectively deleting images stored on said image storage means when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means.

10. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said image transmission apparatus is provided with means for requesting image transfer to transmit to said image reception apparatus the image transfer request signal containing the information of reduced images in addition to the transfer amount of data of the image information to be transmitted prior to transmitting the actual image data.

11. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said image transmission apparatus and said image reception apparatus are digital cameras.

12. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method for transferring image information from an image transmission apparatus to an image reception apparatus provided with means for storing images, wherein

said image transmission apparatus comprises the step of requesting the transfer of images to transmit to said image reception apparatus an image transfer request signal containing the information of transfer amount indicating the transfer amount of data on the image information to be transmitted prior to the transmission of the actual image data; and

said image reception apparatus comprises the step of determining whether or not all the images to be transferred can be stored on image storage means in accordance with the information of the transfer amount contained in said image transfer request signal and the free information of said image storage means with respect to said image transfer request,

the step of inputting transfer acceptance or refusal to prompt the user by displaying the result of determination in said determination step, and the step of transmitting response to transmit to said image transmission apparatus the transfer refusal signal or the transfer acceptance signal in accordance with the instruction of the user, and said image transmission apparatus begins the transfer of image information in accordance with the transfer acceptance signal from said image reception apparatus.

13. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the information indicating the sheet number of images storable on the free region of said image storage means.

14. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sum of each amount of image data of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

15. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and the sum of the data amount is calculated in said determination step in accordance with said information of transfer amount, and compares the sum with the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

16. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein the current free storage capacity of said image storage means and the free storage capacity after reception are displayed in said step of inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal.

17. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said step of inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal further comprises the step of restricting acceptance to admit of the image transfer within a range of the free information of said image storage means when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the acceptance restricted in said step of restricting acceptance.

18. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said image transmission apparatus and said image reception apparatus are digital cameras.

19. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus comprising:  
means for receiving image transfer request to receive the image transfer request signal containing the information of transfer amount indicating transfer data amount of the image information to be transferred;  
image storage means;

determination means for determining whether or not all the images to be transferred can be stored on said image storage means in accordance with said information of transfer amount contained in said image transfer request signal, and the free information of said image storage means;

means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal to prompt the user to accept or refuse the transfer by displaying the determination result of said determination means, and

means for transmitting response to transmit response to said image transmission apparatus the transfer refusal signal or the transfer acceptance signal in accordance with the instruction of the user.

20. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the information indicating the sheet number of images storable on the free region of said image storage means.

21. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sum of each amount of image data of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

22. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and said determination means calculates the sum of the data amount in accordance with said information of transfer amount, and compares the sum with the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

23. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal displays the current free storage capacity of said image storage means, and the free storage capacity after reception.

24. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for restricting acceptance to admit of the image transfer within a range of the free information of said image storage means when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the restricted acceptance by said means for restricting acceptance.

25. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus comprising:  
transfer means for transferring to an external apparatus data amount information indicating the amount of target image data and information of a priority order of the target image data, the information of the priority order reflecting an order of transmission of the target image data intended by a first user and being input by the first user in the image transmission apparatus;



reception means for receiving from the external apparatus a response signal indicating whether or not the external apparatus will accept transmission of the target image data in accordance with the data amount information, the information of priority order, and a free storage capacity of storage means to store the target image data in the external apparatus, the response signal including information of image data selected by a second user input at the external apparatus based on the data amount information and the information of the priority order; and

control means for controlling transmission of the target image data in accordance with the response signal received by said reception means indicating whether or not the external apparatus will accept transmission of the target image data.

26. (Previously Presented) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein the response signal indicating whether or not the external apparatus will accept transmission of the target image data is generated by manual operation of the external apparatus.

27. (Original) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein said image transmission apparatus is a digital camera.

28. (Previously Presented) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein said transfer means and said reception means perform transfer and transmission by wireless communication.

29. (Previously Presented) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein said transfer means performs transfer by adding thumb nail images having a file name corresponding to the target image data or the information of priority order of the target image data.

30. (Previously Presented) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein an image corresponding to the target image data is an image corresponding to a plurality of files, and the response signal indicating whether or not the external apparatus will accept transfer of the target image data permits the transfer of a part of the plural files, but does not permit transfer of files other than the part of the plural files indicated as permitted for transfer.

31. (Previously Presented) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 29, wherein the file name indicates positional information when the image data is photographed.

32. (Previously Presented) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein an image corresponding to the target image data is an image corresponding to a plurality of files, and said transfer means transfers audio corresponding to the image.

33. (Previously Presented) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 27, further comprising:

photographing means for photographing images, said photographing means being capable of photographing during the transmission of the image data.

34. (Previously Presented) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, further comprising:

means for designating suspension of communication.

35. (Previously Presented) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein an image corresponding to the target image data is an image corresponding to a plurality of files, and said reception means receives from the external apparatus information indicating the files to be received by the external apparatus, and information indicating the address of another external apparatus other than said external apparatus, and the files to be received by the other external apparatus.

36. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus comprising:  
reception means for receiving from an external apparatus a transfer including data amount information indicating the amount of target image data and information of a priority order of the target image data to be received from the external apparatus, the information of the priority order reflecting an order of transmission of the target image data intended by a first user and being input by the first user in the external apparatus;

detection means for detecting the free storage capacity of storage means for storing the target image data;

output means for outputting an indication on a screen indicating acceptance to receive the target image data in accordance with the data amount information, the information of priority order and the free storage capacity;

transmission means for transmitting to the external apparatus a signal indicating whether or not the target image data is accepted, wherein the signal includes information of image data selected by a second user input based on the data amount information, the information of priority order, and the free storage capacity; and

image reception means for transmitting to the external apparatus the signal indicating whether or not the external apparatus is permitted to transmit the target image data, and for receiving the target image data transmitted by the external apparatus in response to the signal transmitted by said image reception means.

37. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein the signal indicating whether or not transfer of the target image data is accepted is generated by manual designation in accordance with the indication of said output means.

38. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein said image reception apparatus is a digital camera.

39. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein said transmission means and said reception means perform transfer and transmission by wireless communication.

40. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein said reception means receives thumb nail images having a file name corresponding to the target image data or the target image data.

41. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein an image corresponding to the target image data is an image corresponding to a plurality of files, and the signal indicating whether or not transfer of the target image data is accepted permits the transfer of a part of the plural files, but does not permit transfer of files other than the part of the plural files indicated as permitted for transfer.

42. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein a file name indicates positional information when the image data is photographed.

43. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein an image corresponding to the target image data is an image corresponding to a plurality of files, and said reception means receives audio corresponding to the image.

44. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, further comprising:

photographing means for photographing images, said photographing means being capable of photographing during reception of the target image data.

45. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, further comprising:

means for designating suspension of communication.

46. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein an image corresponding to the target image data is an image corresponding to a plurality of files, and information indicating the files to be received by said image reception means, and the address of another external apparatus to receive the files other than the files to be received by said image reception means are transmitted when transmission is made.

47. (Previously Presented) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein the response signal includes information which designates a terminal station other than the external apparatus as a transmission destination of the target image data to be transmitted.

48. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein the signal which indicates whether or not the external apparatus will accept transmission of the target image data includes information which designates a terminal station other than said image reception apparatus as a transmission destination of the target image data to be transmitted.